



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF WATER

Thomas Cmar
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-005671, Interim Response and Update

Dear Mr. Cmar:

This letter is in response to your FOIA request, EPA-HQ-2017-005671 submitted to the agency on April 03, 2017. On April 24, 2017 you spoke with Ron Jordan, Mike Scozzafava, Sean Ramach, Jessica Zomer, Nichole Rementer and Denise Walker about your request. On April 28, 2017 and May 4, 2017 you spoke with Denise Walker to address a few additional questions. During these conversations you clarified your request.

Interim Release

Today, we are providing you with Interim 1 which includes 2 pages of releasable records generated from a review of hard copy records. It includes documents that have been partially withheld for FOIA Exemption (b)(5) deliberative process. Should you wish to appeal any withholding determination, you will have the opportunity to do so. We will provide you with appeal rights at the time of the final production.

Next Steps

We are continuing to process both hard copy records and electronic records responsive to your request. You may email or call Mike Scozzafava at 202-566-2858 or Denise Walker at 202-564-6520 if you have any further questions. If you wish to request information connected to this request in the future, please be sure to reference the FOIA request number.

Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or call (202) 566-1667. You may also seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services, 8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (202) 741-5769.

We look forward to speaking with you again to provide you with an update on our progress processing the remainder of your request. Denise Walker will contact you to arrange a convenient time. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mike Scozzafava or Denise Walker.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Wood", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Robert Wood, Director
Engineering and Analysis Division

Enclosures:

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cc

Mike Scozzafava, Office of Water
Denise Walker, Office of General Counsel